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2. On 8 January, 8 to 10 model Shts-Nati prime movers towing 8 to 10 x 152-mm gun howitzers and 4 to 5 trucks occupied by approximately 25 soldiers passed through Fahrland. The column came from the north and proceeded toward Potsdam. BA-64 armored scout cars [ ] 25X1  
[ ] were seen in Fahrland. Subsequently, 4 Z-65 prime movers and 4 x 152-mm 25X1  
gun howitzers were seen in front of the Ludendorff Kaserne (2292) in Potsdam.
3. At 0900 on 11 January, 16 x 122-mm field guns, prime movers [ ] 25X1  
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approximately 120 soldiers wearing full field equipment passed through Fahrland. The column came from the direction of Nedlitz and proceeded toward Kartzow. At about 1000, the column was followed by 15 x 122-mm 25X1  
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4. At 1600 on 11 January, a column of 18 prime movers, presumably of the Shts-Nati model, 12 x 122-mm field guns, 6 trailers with soldiers wearing red -bordered black epaulets, and 2 radio trucks came from the direction of Krampnitz and proceeded toward Gross-Glienicks. At 0930 on 12 January, the column returned from the Doeberitz training area on the Gross-Glienicke-Krampnitz road. The vehicles and guns were covered with frost and had apparently spent the night in the open.2
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4 rocket launchers of the same type were entrained at the Rathenow Nordbahnhof and left at about 1930.<sup>3</sup>

6. At 1245 on 6 January, 16 x 122-mm guns, 4 trucks occupied by soldiers and 1 radio truck entered the Pionier Kaserne (5442) in Rathenow.

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7. At 1700 on 12 January, 8 rocket launchers of a new type and 15 to 20 trucks occupied by soldiers entered the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow. The vehicles came from a westerly direction and passed through Rathenow.

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On 13 January, a column of 10 trucks and 8 x 160-mm mortars passed through Rathenow and proceeded toward Bamme. The column returned to the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow at about 2030.

8. It was learned that one column went from east to west and one from west to east in the area southwest of Ebelgunde west-northwest of Rathenow at about 0800 on 13 January. The columns consisted of tanks, SP guns, artillery pieces and many trucks. many reports of guns were heard from the area south of Kotzen. soldiers at entrenching work in the gardens of Stechow. Between 11 and 14 January, reports of guns were repeatedly heard in Rathenow, particularly at night, from an easterly and northwesterly direction.<sup>4</sup>

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